(e) the funds to be allocated for this purpose; and

(f) in what way the recruitment would be made?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) It is proposed to have four more PIO/NRI universities besides the one to be set up at Bangaluru by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust (MAHET).

(b) The task of setting up the first PIO/NRI university at Bangaluru has been entrusted to the Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust (MAHET).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to earmark 50% seats for children of overseas Indians.

(e) No funds allocation from Government is envisaged for the project.

(f) The universities will have complete autonomy within a broad framework.

Package for Gulf returnees

57. SHRI P. RAJEEVE:
SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is specific package proposal for the benefit of the jobless returnees from Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the conditions to be fulfilled for deriving benefit from the package?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) There is no scheme at present. No proposals have also been received from any of the State Governments. However, the Indian Council for Overseas Employment (ICOE), an autonomous organization under the Ministry is conducting a study in the matter, and on receipt of the report, appropriate interventions will be considered.

Universities for PIOs

58. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to review its plans to take the deemed university route to set up five universities for Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs);

(b) if so, whether his Ministry wants to bypass UGC guidelines for setting up the universities and also to keep away Ministry of Human Resource Development; and